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ENP#1F0072355 2/00/VCK/R1368-72 SONGBIRD SPOT REPORT AVN/OPER-V/I,Z BATTALION
78, NVN 264TH SAM REGIMENT REPORTS THE CAPTURE OF A U.S. B-52 AIRCREW
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AT #535 ON 19 DECEMBER 1972, A SPEAKER AT BATTALION 78 OF THE NVN 264TH SAM REGIMENT, LOCATED WEST OF HANOI, REPORTED THE CAPTURE OF SEVEN AIRCREW MEMBERS OF A DOWNED U.S. B-52. DETAILS AT #535, THE SPEAKER AT BATTALION 78 STATED, LAST NIGHT WE HAVE THIS ABOUT THE SITUATION, WE SHOT DOWN TWO B-52 AIRCRAFT AND, IN THE AREA OVER THERE, THEY ALSO SHOT DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT. OF THE PILOTS IN OUR AREA, WE CAPTURED ONE LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND ONE MAJOR. IN THE AREA ((TO THE)) WEST, THEY CAPTURED A MAJOR AND ONE OTHER PERSON. OVER THERE THEY CAPTURED TWO PILOTS. THE PILOTS WERE CAPTURED BY OUR COMMUNIST ARMY. ACCORDING TO THE PRELIMINARY REPORT, THERE WERE SEVEN OF THEM. IT WAS A VERY BIG VICTORY. THEY CAME IN TO BOMB US BUT THEY WERE DEFEATED. THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT THEY PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE HERE; THERE, WE MUST BE PREPARED. DRAW FROM EXPERIENCE AND BE PREPARED TO WORK WELL USING ALL METHODS. WE MUST BE ABLE TO STRIKE QUICKLY AND BE ABLE TO DESTROY THE TARGETS ACTIVELY AND QUICKLY. AT #625 ON 19 DECEMBER, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER, POSSIBLY SUBORDINATE TO THE 264TH SAM REGIMENT REPORTED THAT ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DEMOLISHED ON THE SPOT AT PHU LO (POSSIBLY 21-24N 105-18E OR 21-12N 105-51E). THREE PIRATE B-52 PILOTS WERE CAPTURED. COMMENTS THIS PROBABLY EQUATES TO THE SHOOTDOWN OF A B-52 IN THE LATE 1200Z HOUR ON 18 DECEMBER 1972. ((1)) ((1)) 2/00/VCK/R1349-72, 182109Z DECEMBER. XXHH COR, CORRECT, PLEASE ADD LINE BELOW TITLE LINE AND ABOVE XXCC LN TO READ ((ALL TIMES ZULU)). 55# #8244 NHNN

B52 "west of Hanoi"
refno 1953 + poss 1954

captured LTC + Maj
1953 Rissi + Johnson

captured
In area to west
Maj. pool - Alexander
refno 1954

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